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March 02, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

36 MARCH 2, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS
LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD/SLAUSON AVENUE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LADERA HEIGHTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve a project for La Cienega Boulevard/Slauson Avenue Interchange Improvements in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights, adopt the plans and specifications, call for bids, and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a consultant services agreement for the preparation of a baseline construction schedule and soil management plan.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for La Cienega Boulevard/Slauson Avenue Interchange Improvements, interchange improvements, in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights, at an estimated cost between \$2,100,000 and \$2,400,000.
2. Call for bids to be received on March 30, 2010.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant

BID 3/30/2010 @ 11:00 A.M.

services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule and soil management plan for a \$10,000 not-to-exceed fee funded by existing project funds.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval to adopt the plans and specifications and advertise for bids for the construction of retaining walls, concrete barriers, and roadway pavement; installation of traffic signals; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement to prepare a baseline construction schedule and soil management plan for a \$10,000 not-to-exceed fee; and the performance of other appurtenant work.

The proposed consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule that conforms to the County of Los Angeles' (County) specifications is critical to successfully manage construction activities by both the contractor and the County, and a responsible contractor must be able to produce these deliverables. Bid specifications provide that if the apparent lowest bidder fails to complete acceptable deliverables, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) may determine that bidder is nonresponsible and recommend awarding the construction contract to the next apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid contingent on that bidder completing deliverables that conform to the County's specifications.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by providing improved highway facilities for the traveling public, which will benefit the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$2,100,000 and \$2,400,000.

A portion of the project cost will be financed with \$1,270,000 of grant funds obtained from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority under the 2007 Call for Projects, and \$365,584 in Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees to be collected from developers in the region. The remaining cost of the project will be financed with the State Proposition 1B Transportation Bond funds under the Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of 2006. This project is included in the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for interchange improvements, is part of Public Works' ongoing roads and highways construction program. This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 180 working days. It is estimated the work will start in August 2010 and be completed in May 2011.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On July 8, 2008, Agenda Item 33, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and

the State Public Contract Code and successful completion of the deliverables provided through the consultant services agreement.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved highway facilities for the traveling public thereby benefiting the community.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

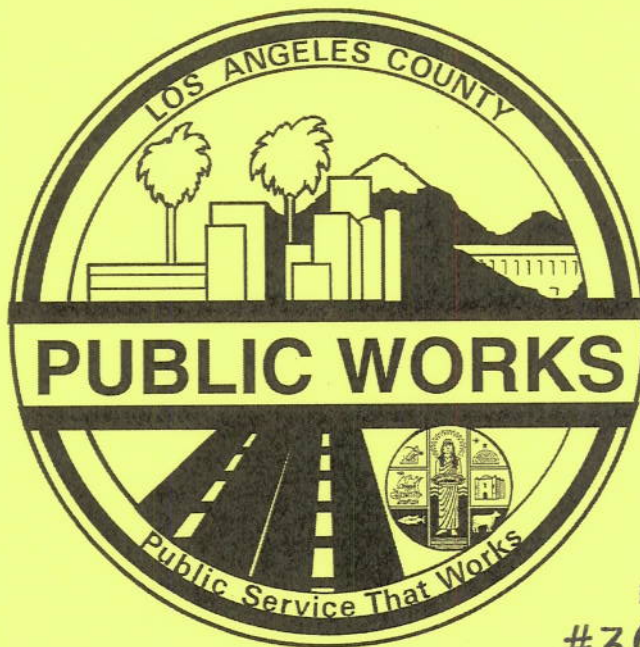
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

GF:JTS:lg

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance



FILED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
#36 OF MAR 02 2010
DATE

NOTICE INVITING BIDS,
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
By [Signature] Deputy

AND

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

FOR

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014950



LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD/SLAUSON AVENUE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Approved, GAIL FARBER, Director of Public Works

By [Signature]
Deputy Director

2/9/10
Date